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August 24, 2012

Mr. Michael Morisy
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RE: Freedom of Information Act / Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated August 14, 2012, requesting specific information related the purchase and/or use of aerial drones by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). Please be aware that the Freedom of Information Act relates to federal documents. As a state agency, CAL FIRE is responding to your request under the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

The Department has determined that it will comply with your request by providing you with copies of any responsive, non-exempt records contained within the Department's files as soon as possible. Please note that the Department currently charges a photocopying fee of \$.10 per page and \$10 for a CD of information. These fees reflect the Department's direct photocopying costs, which includes the cost of running the copy machine and the expense of the person operating it. The Department's fees do not include the cost of retrieving, inspecting, and handling the records, which the CPRA does not allow the Department to recover.

Once the documents have been located and counted, the Department will notify you of the total amount due. The Department estimates that any responsive public documents that are not exempt from disclosure will be available approximately on or before **September 7, 2012**.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the telephone or address above, or by e-mail at Kim.Spire@fire.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

KIM SPIRE
Staff Services Analyst
Legal Services